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SUBJECT: UNDP-PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL  
PRESIDENCY AND DESIRE TO HOST JUNE 1974 SESSION

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED TO DFA (SHAHANI UN AFFAIRS)  
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON REYES' CANDIDACY AND ON  
PROPOSED HOLDING OF JUNE 1974 COUNCIL SESSION IN MANILA.  
AT HER REQUEST, INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE.

2. SHAHANI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR STATEMENT OF  
USG POSITION. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RE POSITION LIKELY  
TO BE TAKEN BY ASIAN COUNTRIES, SHE POINTED  
OUT THAT INDIA WAS ALSO SEEKING GC PRESIDENCY, ADDING THAT  
EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO INDUCE INDIA TO WITHDRAW,  
BUT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY ASIAN COUNTRIES WILL BE SPLIT  
ON ISSUE.

3. ASKED WHETHER SELECTION OF A FILIPINO FOR UNDP POST  
MIGHT AFFECT CANDIDACY OF BRILLANTES FOR SECRETARY-  
GENERAL OF UNCTAD, SHAHANI SAID TIMING WAS UNFORTUNATE  
BUT FORUMS AND METHODS OF SELECTION FOR TWO POSTS WERE  
COMPLETELY SEPARATE. UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD FILL  
UNCTAD POST BY APPOINTMENT, PROBABLY IN DECEMBER, WHILE  
UNDP COUNCIL WOULD ITSELF ELECT CHAIRMAN IN JANUARY.  
SHE POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL RECENTLY GOP HAD BEEN  
RELATIVELY PASSIVE IN SEEKING SENIOR UN POSTS AND  
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FEELS THAT IN VIEW OF ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN UN AND

RELATED ACTIVITIES, PHILIPPINES MERITS GREATER RECOGNITION IN THIE RESPECT. SHAHANI NOTED PHILIPPINES NOW HAS SEVERAL ABLE AND EXPERIENCED AMBASSADORS IN UN AFFAIRS WHO ARE EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR POSITIONS THEY ARE SEEKING.

4. EMBASSY SUPPORTS USUN PROPOSAL THAT USG GIVE MORE FORTHRIGHT SUPPORT TO REYES' CANDIDACY AND FOR APPROVAL OF MANILA AS VENUE OF JUNE GC SESSION. SHAHANI SAID GOP HAS MUCH EXPERIENCE IN HOLDING LARGE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, AND ADEQUATE FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE DESPITE LACK OF A PERMANENT CONFERENCE CENTER.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY REGARDS REYES' CANDIDACY FAVORABLY, AND AWARE OF HIS CONNECTIONS AND CAPABILITIES, WE QUESTION THAT UNDP ROLE WOULD QUALIFY HIM AS SUCCESSOR TO ROMULO OR THAT ROMULO EVEN BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT RETIRING.  
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